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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Kindly rewrite Claims 1-13 and add Claims 14-20, as follows:*

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1. (Currently Amended) A seal assembly comprising:  
a layered structure including  
a first layer of a base material;  
a second layer of thermal insulating material on top of the first layer; and  
a third layer of a base material on top of the layer of thermal insulation;  
a spring side support; and  
wherein the layered structure is connected on two sides to the spring side support.
2. (Original) The seal assembly according to claim 1, wherein the layer of thermal insulating material comprises a woven insulating material.
3. (Original) The seal assembly according to claim 1, wherein the third layer of the seal assembly comprises oxidation resistant material.
4. (Original) The seal assembly according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a connector plate having an inner connector band and an outer connector band; and  
wherein the layered structure is arranged within the connector plate with the first layer comprising the inner connector band and the third layer comprising the outer connector band.
5. (Currently Amended) The seal assembly according to claim 4, wherein the ~~inner connector band or first layer of base material~~ is welded to the ~~outer connector band or third layer~~.
6. (Currently Amended) The seal assembly according to claim 4, ~~further comprising:~~  
~~——a spring side support; and~~  
~~——wherein the connector plate is connected on two sides to the spring side support.~~

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7. (Withdrawn) The seal assembly according to claim 6, wherein the spring side support comprises an E-seal.
8. (Currently Amended) The seal assembly according to claim 6, wherein the spring side ~~supports are~~ support is welded to the connector plate.
9. (Withdrawn) The seal assembly according to claim 4, further comprising:  
an E-seal having two sides; and  
wherein the connector plate is bent around and fixed to the two sides of the E-seal.
10. (Currently Amended) The seal assembly according to claim ~~6~~1, further comprising:  
cooling holes arranged within the spring side support.
11. (Withdrawn) The seal assembly according to claim 1, further comprising:  
two E-seals; and  
wherein the layer of thermal insulating material is arranged between the two E-seals as said first and third layers.
12. (Currently Amended) The seal assembly according to claim 1, further comprising:  
combustor liner segments; and  
~~wherein the seal assembly comprises a combustor liner seal between the combustor liner segments, said combustor liner seal comprising said layered structure.~~
13. (Withdrawn) The seal assembly according to claim 9, further comprising:  
cooling holes arranged within the E-seal.

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14. (New) A seal assembly comprising:  
a layered structure including  
a first layer of a base material,  
a second layer of thermal insulating material on top of the first layer, and  
a third layer of a base material on top of the layer of thermal insulation;  
combustor liner segments; and  
a combustor liner seal between the combustor liner segments, said combustor liner seal comprising said layered structure.
15. (New) The seal assembly according to claim 14, wherein the layer of thermal insulating material comprises a woven insulating material.
16. (New) The seal assembly according to claim 14, wherein the third layer of the seal assembly comprises oxidation resistant material.
17. (New) The seal assembly according to claim 14, further comprising:  
a connector plate having an inner connector band and an outer connector band; and  
wherein the layered structure is arranged within the connector plate with the first layer comprising the inner connector band and the third layer comprising the outer connector band.
18. (New) The seal assembly according to claim 17, wherein the first layer is welded to the third layer.
19. (New) The seal assembly according to claim 14, further comprising:  
a spring side support connected to the layered structure.
20. (New) The seal assembly according to claim 19, further comprising:  
cooling holes arranged within the spring side support.